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Hon. Michael Kubayanda
Chairman,

I have recently heard that the United States Postal Service has sent a transfer request to the Postal Regulatory Commission seeking to move Bound Printed Matter Parcels from the Market Dominant to the Competitive product category. I believe this to be detrimental for a variety of reasons. Significantly higher mailing costs will reduce access to affordable and diverse selection of books. My students and myself utilizes companies such as Scholastic to access literacy materials at an affordable rate multiple times throughout the school year and without them, my students will not have access to high quality reading materials, as I, myself, typically purchase these books out of pocket, as I teach at a Title 1 school and I believe this change will affect Title 1 and rural schools most significantly.

At a time where students and educators are returning back into the classroom and schools and families are springing back from the pandemic, I cannot imagine bringing about this big financial change. The pandemic has had tremendous negative impact on literacy rates and the last thing the government should do is to make access to children's literature more difficult/costly. Throughout the pandemic, thanks to Scholastic's affordable prices, I was able to purchase multiple books, have them shipped to my home and drop off at my students' homes. Titles such as "The Good Egg" and "Click Clack Moo", books that I could use to support social emotional learning and more.

I urge you to deny this transfer or to exempt educational material from this transfer. It would be a gut punch to educators and families across the country in a year where we have already been knocked down so many times. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

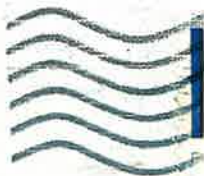
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